

MAY 21, 2018 SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Polk Twp. Supervisors Brian K. Ahner & Michael D. Hurley met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, 5/21/18 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 165 Polk Twp. Rd., Kresgeville, PA. Supervisor Carl S. Heckman had previously notified the Board of his absence. Solicitor James V. Fareri, Engineer Russell R. Kresge, Jr.; Zoning/Codes Official Justin Burkner; and Treasurer Beverly A. Christman were also present. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Minutes: Hurley moved to approve the 4/16/18 minutes. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 2-0. Motion carried.

Correspondence: COG 3/26/18 & 4/30/18 minutes & 4/30/18 & 5/21/18 agenda...MCCD Inspection Report # 3 on PPL Line & Report # 17 on The Woods...CJERP 4/26/18 agenda...West End Open Space Park 3/22/17 letter & Report...PSATS April Newsletter & 4/13/18 & 5/4/18 Week in Review...Open Space Board 4/24/18 agenda & 1/23/18 minutes.... 4/17/18 DEP time-extension for Cramer's Center.... Dirt & Gravel April Newsletter & Allocations....MRM April Trustnotes Newsletter.

REPORTS:

Polk Twp. Vol. Fire Co.: A new organizer has requested fire police traffic control for a triathlon at Beltzville. Tabled.

West End Ambulance: Calls in March-33 & April-35

Treasurer Christman: (1). Deposits-\$211,667.71. (2). Bills-\$164,032.24. Ahner moved to pay the Bills. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 2-0. Motion carried. (3). **5/21/18 Report:** Total General Fund-\$1,580,754.74, comprised of: [PLGIT-\$303,661.52; Checking-\$642,878.86; Payroll-\$30,404.08; ESSA account-\$603,810.28]. Highway Aid Fund-\$635,571.24. All Funds Total: \$2,216,325.98. Total Escrow Funds-\$49,454.30 comprised of: [Driveways-\$17,091.75; Camp Harlam Girls Septic-\$2,001.67; Detention Basins-\$30,360.88]. Ahner moved to approve the 5/21/18 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 2-0. Motion carried. (4). The Board is looking into Certificates of Deposit.

Roadmaster Ahner: (1). Removed tree debris along 5 roads that had been closed due to storm damage. Began repairing potholes and sweeping antiskid off the roads. Started cutting brush and grass along roadways. (2). One of four pieces of equipment have been repaired. (3). Waiting on Klingel to cut down a number of approved trees.

Solid-Waste/Recycle: (1). Brush must now be hauled to Chestnuthill at a cost of \$5 a yard. (2). The Board approved the changes Toner made to the Solid Waste/Recycle advertisement.

Secretary Toner: (1.) The Kresgeville Bridge Replacement start date is now June 11th, to be finished by December. (2). The Veteran's Memorial Program will be held Sunday, May 27th at 2pm at the Memorial in Kresgeville.

Solicitor: (1). Fareri reviewed with the Board his 4/25/18 letter to the owner of the Angione property on the Conditional Use Decision which does not allow for servicing vehicles at the site; therefore, the permit is revoked. Burkner noted that some vehicles must still be removed; therefore, a violation will be sent. (2). Fareri reviewed his 5/21/18 draft letter to the Board which provided background on the Workers Compensation benefit that the Township provides for the Fire Co. The Township does not have the right to tell the insurance carrier how a claim is managed. Requesting a second opinion is not an unusual request and is allowed under the workers compensation act.

Zoning/Codes Official Burkner: (1). The permit report could not be printed due to a computer failure. Burkner reviewed violations. (2). Burkner asked for clarification on Ord. 2018-02 Section 4.7(f). The Board was in agreement that their intent was "brush may be burned." Fareri noted brush could be considered untreated wood; therefore, Burkner may use his discretion in enforcement. (3). Burkner has discovered a discrepancy in the "Schedule of Uses Table", since "Self-storage Facilities" are listing in the "C-District" under "Permitted Uses" and also under "Conditional Uses." Fareri noted that the lesser will apply for the applicant and the Polk PC should review to recommend amendment. (4). Burkner asked for direction on ten E-911 signs not in compliance. Tabled.

Parks: (1). Ahner noted broken deck boards have been repaired, low branches cut, and they are working on the fence. (2). Student volunteer Logan Mackes, plans to replace deteriorating deck boards. (3). Toner has provided a list of projects to Troop 98 and the leaders have expressed appreciation for the plaques at the Park acknowledging past projects. (4). Becca Tippettt researched & ordered free deciduous tree seedlings from the PPL Community Roots Program for 2019. (5). August Randazzo, Troop 109, is cleaning up debris & garbage at the Nature Park.

PLANS:

Vernon Frable Subdivision Plan: Toner relayed the assessment office has contacted Eldred & Polk for a consensus on which Twp. the newly created flag lot will be assessed. Hurley & Ahner agreed Lot 2 should be assessed in Polk, since over 31+ acres are in Polk while only a .043 acre is in Eldred. Toner will write letter.

James & Debra Warner Lot Joinder: (Hemlock Lake-220 Bear Dr. & 313 Birch Dr.(Lots 70,71,72,73) Surveyor Scott Policelli represented the Plan. The Board was in receipt of Kresge's 5/18/18 Review; Burkner's 5/15/18 Review; and Fareri's 5/17/18 E-mail. The Plan intends to consolidate 4 adjacent lots into 2 separate parcels. Each new parcel will have one existing residence. **Zoning Ord. Sec. 911.2** requires all adjacent nonconforming lots to be joined, which would affect this Plan. Fareri interprets this section as not pertaining to developed parcels. The Board agreed that an amendment for clarification of verbiage was in order. Notes to be included on the Plan: any future building must involve testing for an acceptable secondary sewage disposal area and the proposed driveway for Lot 2 must enter onto Birch Rd. Drafting items & setbacks were discussed. A cross easement for the shared well and septic must be recorded. Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paving & Seal Coat for 2018: Ahner reviewed the sealcoat and paving quotes which had been opened on 5/17/18. Kresge had provided two review letters dated 5/21/18. Ahner moved to award the 2018 sealcoating of sections of Carney Rd. to Shiffer Bituminous quoted at \$40,489.41 ...and (other bids were: Pocono Spray & Patch @ \$45,342.08 & Asphalt Maintenance @ \$43,151.94); ...the 2018 paving of Long Mt. Road, Sunset Circle plus the Arnold Dr. Option to Bruce George Paving & Excavation quoted at \$213,583.06 (other bids were: Hanson @ \$215,853.50; Shiffer @ \$253,832.32; Lehigh Asphalt @ \$233,777.00; Pennsy Supply @ \$242,457.20). Secoded by Hurley. Vote, 2-0. Motion carried.

Dorshimer Bridge: The signage & guiderails are the first priority at \$24,000. The entire estimate was \$49,135.00. Ahner discussed possible funding with PA Rep. Jack Radar, who was present. Ahner moved to authorize Kresge & Toner to apply for LSA Funds for the Dorshimer Bridge improvements. Secoded by Hurley. Vote, 2-0. Motion carried.

Camp Harlam: Kresge provided background on Keystone's 5/18/18 proposal. The speed limit data has not yet been received. Ahner moved to approve temporary "pedestrian crossing ahead" signage on Smith & Mertz roads by Camp Harlam, minus crosswalk lines, contingent upon a traffic engineer's review. Secoded by Hurley. Vote, 2-0.

Hell Hollow Rd. Grant Application: The Dirt & Gravel Low-Volume Fund has approved a grant of \$102,605.00 to improve the drainage on Hell Hollow Rd. The Township will supply the labor & equipment at a cost of \$36,280.00. Ahner moved to authorize Toner to advertise for the shale and aggregate to be delivered. Secoded by Hurley. Vote, 2-0. Motion Carried. The time frame for the project will extend from Fall 2018 into May 2019.

Equipment Needs: Ahner relayed the information he has compared on International, Mack & Peterbilt trucks. Ahner moved to purchase a 2019 HV507 SFA International truck cab for \$89,825.00 & aluminum dump body& plow fitting from Bradco Supply for \$53,039.38, contingent upon Heckman's review & approval. Secoded by Hurley. Vote, 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

CJERP: The Board had no comment on Eldred's proposed zoning amendment on Township Facilities.

Cornerstone Church: The Church's 5/9/18 Letter requested an agreement in regards to a church expansion being completed in phases. Engineer Chris Borger represented the Church and discussed the plans in detail. The first phase is 7,000 sq. ft. and the unfinished portion to be completed later is 2,000 sq. ft. A Land Development Plan and Conditional Use Hearing will be required. Items to be completed in the first phase are: bathrooms, stormwater, parking, and the building façade. The unfinished area will not be accessible. Ahner moved to authorize Solicitor Fareri to prepare an agreement between Polk Township and Cornerstone Church on the expansion being completed in two separate permit phases. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 2-0. Motion carried.

RESIDENTS & TAXPAYERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Feller: The Fellers explained the continuation of nuisance animals and junk vehicles at 232 Dorshimer Rd. The property is in foreclosure and under contract with a buyer. Burker has reached out to Fannie Mae about the junk vehicles. Fareri stated the new title owner should also be sent a violation letter, since the current resident is supposedly going to continue living at the property and has not complied in the past.

No Executive Session

As there was no further business, or resident comments, Ahner adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:30pm.



Respectfully submitted,
Ruthanne Toner, Secretary